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Lawrence, M. Noble, Esq.
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Noble:

I am writing in response to the complaint numbered MLR-5104 which has been filed against my campaign committee by the National Republican Congressional Committee. It is clear from the facts that the allegations are completely baseless, and that this complaint was filed for political reasons. Accordingly, I would urge the Commission to dismiss this complaint without further review.

The first allegation in the complaint is that my official staff engaged in campaign activities during a Fourth of July parade in LaPorte, Indiana. The fact is, the July 4th parade was a non-political event. I attended, as did many other elected officials, in my official capacity as U.S. Representative. I was accompanied by members of my official staff and my congressional mobile office.

This was a public parade attended by thousands of people. The photograph submitted by the Republican Committee depicts one person in the crowd holding a sign which says "Tim Roemer." Contrary to the statement made in the complaint, the person holding the sign is not and never has been a member of either my congressional staff or my campaign staff. In fact, it is my brother Pat, who traveled on his own from Illinois to attend the parade. Therefore, the suggestion that my official staff engaged in political activities during the parade is completely baseless.

The second photograph depicts a young woman who attended the parade wearing a Roemer campaign tee-shirt. Again, this woman is not and never has been a member of either my congressional staff or my campaign staff. Therefore, the suggestion that I mixed official and campaign activities because one person out of thousands attending a public parade wore a tee-shirt with my campaign logo on it is completely baseless.

The second allegation made by the Republican Committee is that I made personal use of campaign funds by listing my congressional office address on my driver's license. I did list my congressional office address when I renewed my driver's license. I have since had a new driver's license issued under my personal address. No campaign funds or resources were involved in this matter, so this allegation is completely baseless.

Sincerely,

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